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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ Discipline and decorum are entirely in your hands, Sir. I submit, Sir, that I have committed no breach of discipline in inviting the hon. the Minister's attention to the question I have put and which has not been answered. In answer to clause (c) which asks whether Mr. Foulkes is expected to be absent from India for more than six months, he says, it is in the affirmative. So, I am entitled to ask him why, when he knew that Mr. Foulkes would be absent from India for six months, he entrusted the executive charge of a responsible office like the presidentship of a district board to him ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ I fail to see the logic involved in this question. I said that I knew that he would be absent from India for six months. I came to know of it only after he departed or it may be that I knew it only yesterday. It does not mean that I knew it at the time when he left office.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ May I know when the hon. the Minister came to know of that ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Sir, I cannot say when exactly I came to know of it.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ May I know when the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government came to know of it ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ I think the hon. the Minister has just informed the hon. Member that he cannot say exactly when he came to know of it.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ I did not hear it. Now, I want only to ask this one question. I want to know whether the hon. the Minister has any intention of cancelling that appointment ? ”

Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“ That question does not arise as a supplementary question.”

*Salem District Board.*

313 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) the number of nominated seats on the District Board of Salem ;
- (b) the number of Adi-Dravidas so far nominated to that Board ;
- (c) whether the Minister recently nominated a relation of the Vice-President of the Salem District Board as a member of the Board ; and
- (d) the number of members of the Salem District Board belonging to the caste to which the Vice-President belongs ?

A.—(a) Ten.

(b) Three.

(c) The Government have no information as to whether the member recently nominated is related to the Vice-President.

(d) The Government have no information.